

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A multi-piece solid golf ball comprising a solid core of at least one layer, an intermediate layer enclosing the solid core, and a cover enclosing the intermediate layer, wherein

    said intermediate layer has a gage  $G_1$  of 0.8 to 2-1.5 mm and a Shore D hardness of 53 to 65, said cover has a gage  $G_2$  of 0.5 to 1.3 mm and a Shore D hardness of 37 to 50 and is formed of an urethane resin, and the gage  $G_1$  of said intermediate layer and the gage  $G_2$  of said cover satisfy  $[G_1/(G_1+G_2)] \times 100 \geq 45\%$ .

2. (currently amended): The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1 wherein said intermediate layer has a gage  $G_1$  of 1 to 2-1.5 mm.

3. (original): The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1 wherein said solid core undergoes a deflection of 3 to 4.5 mm under an applied load of 100 kg.

4. (original): The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1 wherein said cover is formed of a cover material having a melt index of at least 3.0 dg/min at 190°C.

5. (canceled).

6. (new): The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1 wherein said multi-piece golf ball is a three piece solid golf ball consisting of a solid core, an intermediate layer, and a cover.

7. (new): The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1 wherein said intermediate layer is formed of ionomer resins.

8. (new): The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1 wherein said intermediate layer has a Shore D hardness of 53 to 62.

9. (new): The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1 wherein said intermediate layer has a Shore D hardness of 56 to 58.

10. (new): The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1 wherein the gage  $G_1$  of said intermediate layer and gage  $G_2$  of said cover satisfy  $65\% \geq [G_1/(G_1+G_2)] \times 100 \geq 50\%$ .